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SUMMARY: REFERENCE REFLECTS US INTENTION TO PREFINANCE COSTS  
ASSOCIATED WITH RELOCATION OF TWO NATO INTERNATION MILITARY  
HEADQUARTERS. THERE IS, HOWEVER, NO PROVISION IN 1976 NATO  
MILITARY BUDGET TO COVER THESE COSTS. NOR CAN WE DETECT ANY  
SHAPE INTENTION TO MODIFY THE BUDGET PRIOR TO ITS APPROVAL  
IN MID-DECEMBER. REQUEST GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. UPON RECEIPT OF REFTEL (NOTAL), AND IN AN EFFORT TO  
PROTECT US INTERESTS, THE MILITARY BUDGET ASPECT OF SUBJECT  
AS INTRODUCED IN MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEE (MBC) HEARINGS ON  
CY 1976 BUDGET AT MEETING ON 18 NOVEMBER 1975. US REP  
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(BECKER), NOTING THAT NATO MBC CHANNEL SHOULD BE ADEQUATE  
TO ASSURE NATO FINANCING OF NATO REQUIREMENTS IN A PROPER  
TIME FRAM, REQUESTED THAT SHAPE PROVIDE A STATEMENT OF FACTS  
RELATING TO AUTHORIZATION FOR RELOCATION AND A STATEMENT OF

NATO REQUIREMENTS TO INCLUDE BUDGETARY ASPECTS.

2. THE SHAPE RESPONSE PROVIDED BY FINANCIAL COMPTROLLER (DERNOUCHAMPS) WAS GENERALLY VAGUE ON COORDINATION OF PLANNING BY NATO AND US ELEMENTS, BUT IT WAS CLEAR THAT NATO AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT YET APPROVED RELOCATION, THUS REQUIREMENTS ELIGIBLE FOR NATO FUNDING ARE NOT YET ESTABLISHED BY NATO HEADQUARTERS CONCERNED. THE RESPONSE RELUCTANTLY ACKNOWLEDGED DIFFICULTIES OF PLANNING COORDINATION, BUT PROVIDED NO INDICATION OF SHAPE INTENTIONS TO REQUEST FUNDING FOR RELOCATION COSTS.

3. THE MBC FINANCES CONSTRUCTION ONLY IN ISOLATED INSTANCES; IT HAS NO BODY OF RULES OR CRITERIA FOR PREFINANCING AFTER NOTICE AND NO STAFF TO REVIEW PROJECT'S SCOPE, JUSTIFICATION OR COST ESTIMATES. IT IS THEREFORE ESSENTIAL TO THE PROTECTION OF US INTERESTS THAT MAXIMUM EFFORT BE MADE TO COORDINATE WITHIN NATO ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED AND TO USE THE ESTABLISHED NATO FINANCING CHANNEL, ALTHOUGH TO PERMIT EARLY IMPLEMENTATION, PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS MAY JUSTIFY ADVANCING US FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WORKS ONCE THEY ARE APPROVED BY NATO.

4. NOTWITHSTANDING THE ABOVE, AND ON BASIS OF LIMITED INFORMATION AVAILABLE, US REP NOTED INTENTION OF US TO PREFINANCE COSTS OF DOLLARS 1.8 MILLION FOR WHICH IT WOULD REQUEST REIMBURSEMENT REQUIRING PROVISION OF NATO FUNDS DURING 1976.

5. IN SHORT DISCUSSION WHICH FOLLOWED, MOST NATIONS QUESTIONED ADVISABILITY OF US ACTION OUTSIDE NORMAL MBC CHANNEL. ALL NOTED THEY WERE WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS. THE US STATEMENT WAS, HOWEVER, ENTERED IN THE RECORD.

6. IN REVIEWING RELOCATION COSTS LISTED IN REFERENCE, WE ARE CONCERNED AT LACK OF PROJECT DEFINITION, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT SOME ITEMS WOULD NOT SEEM TO QUALIFY FOR MBC FUNDING. IN ADDITION WE ASSUME THAT USAREUR PLAN FOR QUOTE PREFINANCING UNQUOTE RELOCATION COSTS DEPENDS ON PRIOR  
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APPROVAL BY MILITARY COMMITTEE (M/C) OF THE MOVE AND INCLUSION BY MBC OF BUDGET FUNDS TO SUPPORT IT. WHEREAS THE M/C MAY COMPLETE THEIR ACTION SHORTLY, THERE IS NOT REQUEST BY CENTAG OR SHAPE FOR RELOCATION FUNDS IN 1976. THEREFORE, FAILING URGENT SHAPE ACTION TO AMEND THE 1976 MILITARY BUDGET, NATO FUNDS WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE BEFORE 1977. BRUCE

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